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Matsu & Quemoy

TWO events have occurred within the last 48 hours to bring the Formosa problem into sharp focus. Sir John Kotelawala, Ceylon's Prime Minister, has suggested Formosa should be put under a five-year trusteeship of the Colombo powers, followed by a plebiscite confined to the Formosans for them to decide what type of permanent government they desire; and Washington has announced an impending visit to Taipei of Admiral Radford and Assistant Secretary of State Walter Robertson for talks with Nationalist leaders.

The Radford-Robertson mission is cloaked with secrecy, and therefore some mystery, but it appears to be generally accepted that these top American representatives from Washington are going to concern themselves with the question of Nationalist evacuation of the offshore islands.

If this is the purpose of the visit, manifestly it is prompted by the perceptible change in American public opinion regarding the defence of Matsu and Quemoy. And this public opinion in turn has been adroitly guided by President Eisenhower who, through the mouth of his Secretary of State, has introduced a noticeably changed emphasis when discussing the Formosa problem in general and the immediate future of the offshore islands in particular.

THE defence of Quemoy and Matsu is not only a question of politics and morale. The military implications are equally, possibly more important. Two disastrous possibilities are apparent: if the United States decided to engage her own forces alongside the Nationalists to resist a Chinese Communist assault on the offshore islands, this could lead to a full international conflict; if the Nationalists were left to defend the islands on their own, they might well find the task beyond them, and to a forced evacuation would be added the ignominy of military defeat.

These are contingencies which Admiral Radford and Mr. Robertson can hardly fail to put before the Chinese Nationalists next week and they may well be the dominant factors in influencing a decision to call off the occupation of Matsu and Quemoy.

Withdrawal from the offshore islands does not involve prejudicing the future of Formosa. On the contrary it would help to simplify the whole problem of the Formosa Straits. In the final analysis it is the future of Formosa which is all-important, and if a solution to this complex problem is rendered any easier by Nationalist evacuation of Matsu and Quemoy, then it is in general interests that this should be done.

A New Purge In Russia?

Is there to be another big purge in Russia soon? John Atkinson, writing from London, in tomorrow's China Mail, says the Kremlin is building up a case against Stalin's protégé, Georgi Malenkov recently removed from the Soviet Premiership.

This is just one of the highlights in tomorrow's big feature-packed week-end edition of the China Mail.

Here are some others:

- ★ William Smyth concludes his series Back-room boys of the Hongkong CID with an article on the work of the Police Ballistics Officer;
- ★ In our new series Did It Happen? the famous British author, Eric ("The Wooden Horse") Williams writes about "The Oldest Truth in the World";
- ★ Wilson Ferber tells how negroes in New York's Harlem run "house-restaurant parties" — a very novel kind of party indeed;
- ★ Is the moustache on the rise or wane? J. W. Taylor writes on this very manly fashion trend;
- ★ Hop a pigeon saved the lives of four British airmen — another story from the annals of the Golden Age;
- ★ In addition, there are all the regular favourite features including cartoons by Low and Cummings, three pages of local and overseas pictures, Jane Roberts' reviews of the current films in Hongkong, Beachcomber, the latest women's news, local and overseas sports reviews and selections for tomorrow's races at Happy Valley... all in the China Mail.

Pressure On  
Chiang?  
COAST ISLANDS  
WITHDRAWAL

Washington, Apr. 21.

The sudden departure for Formosa of Admiral Arthur Radford and Mr. Walter Robertson has set off an intensive round of speculation here over possible American pressure on General Chiang Kai-shek to permit the Communists to take over Quemoy and Matsu.

Defence and State Department officials are refusing to make any precise statements about this mission of the President's chief military adviser and chief specialist on Asian affairs. Admiral Radford is the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Mr. Robertson, Assistant Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs.

Under the Sino-American treaty referred to in the official announcement of the mission the United States is committed to defend Formosa and the Pescadores from Communist attack but has no commitment to defend Quemoy and Matsu as such.

The chief reasoning behind this speculation derives from the fact that Admiral Radford and Mr. Robertson are known to be very good friends of General Chiang Kai-shek.

The theory is that they would therefore be the best people to break the news to him that the United States is unwilling to aid in the defence of Quemoy and Matsu and does not wish Nationalist China to precipitate a general Asian conflict by insisting on fighting for them.

Only two days ago the Chinese Nationalist Ambassador here, Dr. Wellington Koo, declared that the Nationalists would fight for these islands whether they were aided by the United States or not.

The Eisenhower administration has recently been subjected to strong pressure from varying sections of public opinion not to risk bringing the United States into a war with Communist China and possibly into World War III on behalf of a group of islands which are not even regarded by United States military chiefs as essential for the defence of Formosa.

NOT INVOLVED

In response to this administration spokesmen have been emphasising again and again that the United States is not involved in any commitments to defend Quemoy and Matsu as such.

There is increasing sympathy here for the position of the British government which is that there should be a renunciation of the use of force by both the Chinese Nationalists and the Communists and that the Nationalists should accordingly withdraw their armed forces from the coastal islands of Formosa. The current Indo-Asian conference at Bandung provides the Chinese Communist Premier, Chou En-lai, with a favourable opportunity of announcing such a renunciation of force there.

Four-Power Meeting In Sight

BIG THREE  
WORKING OUT  
DETAILS

Washington, Apr. 21.

Britain, France and the United States are ready to agree on preliminary steps for a four-power meeting with the Soviet Union and will probably set up working groups next week, informed Washington officials reported today.

They said the British and French foreign ministers, Mr. Harold Macmillan and M. Antoine Pinay — who were meeting in London today — were already acquainted with the United States views on the timing of the working meetings.

The two foreign ministers were expected to reach a quick decision on arrangements and put them before the United States for approval. No difficulty was anticipated in reaching three-power agreement, these officials said.

France had earlier suggested that the four-power conference of foreign ministers which would precede any talks "at the summit" with the Soviet Union on ending world tensions should be held by next July. But officials here said it would be virtually impossible for the three powers to work out all the necessary arrangements including details of an agenda in time for a July session.

It was known that the French government had recently approached the United States to agree to an early meeting of the working groups. State Department sources rejected suggestions that the department was in any way "dragging its feet" on policy grounds in taking the preliminary steps for a foreign minister session.

OTHER QUESTIONS They contended that fast decisions could not be reached because a great many other problems had to be discussed between the Western powers, such as arrangements for meetings with the Soviet Union on the Atlantic Treaty, the North Atlantic Treaty Council meeting of foreign ministers next month and the final steps for West Germany's admission into the North Atlantic Alliance.

It was conceded that France and the United States had some differences of opinion on timing but it was said these were merely procedural questions and there were no serious disagreements.

The British and French ministers in their London meeting were expected to cover such subjects as an agreed reply to a Soviet invitation for a foreign ministers' meeting on the Austrian peace treaty, next month's NATO Council session in Paris, the conditions under which Germany becomes a partner in Western defence and the critical situation in Indo-China.

London press reports published here today quoted "diplomatic sources" as saying that Mr. Macmillan and M. Pinay had agreed to the terms of a prompt acceptance of the Soviet proposal to conclude an Austrian treaty and would suggest an early meeting of the Big Four ambassadors and an Austrian representative to discuss the final treaty form.

This meeting would precede the foreign ministers' conference on Austria proposed by the Soviet Union, Reuters.

It Would Need  
Only 6 Bombs

Ottawa, Apr. 21.

Six enemy hydrogen bombs could render Britain helpless, the British civil defence chief, Sir Sidney Kirkman, said today.

Britain was vulnerable to atomic attack, but this did not rule out the chance of some Britons surviving, he told a press conference.

Sir Sidney Kirkman, who observed recent Nevada atomic tests, recommended six feet deep air trenches topped with galvanized iron and earth as protection against nuclear blast heat and radioactive fallout. Reuters.

Hydrogen  
Explosive  
Factory

London, Apr. 21.

A big factory for mass-producing a new type of hydrogen bomb explosive devised by Sir William Penney is to be built by the Atomic Energy Authority as quickly as possible.

Scientists and engineers are being recruited to design the plant. The explosive is a powder which has never been made on a large scale before.

A pilot plant for making small quantities of the explosive is to be built first at the atomic weapons research station at Aldermaston, Berkshire.

The full-scale factory may be sited in a more remote area for security reasons.

Another team of scientists is being recruited to devise means of moulding the powder into specially shaped pieces which are fitted into a bomb casing. — London Express Service.

Queen Sends  
Message To  
Singapore  
Assembly

London, Apr. 22.

On the occasion of the first meeting of the new Singapore Legislative Assembly today messages have been sent from Her Majesty the Queen and the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr. Alan Lennox-Boyd, to the Governor of Singapore, Sir John Nicoll, KCMG.

Her Majesty's message is as follows: "I am glad at the opening of the first session of the Legislative Assembly under the new constitution of Singapore to express to my people in Singapore my great satisfaction at the significant progress which is marked by this occasion. The Assembly and Ministers will now have to deal with the many problems of government and upon them will fall the chief burden of responsibility for the continued advancement and prosperity of Singapore and for the welfare and safety of its citizens."

"I look forward with every confidence to the faithful discharge of this trust. I am sure that those on whom this responsibility falls will carry it out with foresight, courage and honesty — of purpose. It is my earnest hope that the work of the Legislative Assembly under the new constitution will be blessed with every success."

MESSAGE FROM CS

The message from the Secretary of State for the Colonies is as follows: "It gives me great pleasure to send a message of greetings and goodwill to the Legislative Assembly of Singapore on the historic occasion of its first meeting under the new constitution. My only regret is that neither I nor any of my ministerial colleagues can be present in person to deliver it."

"I must first of all congratulate all those who have taken part in the working out of this new constitution — the committee under the chairmanship of Sir George Rendell, who now see the fulfilment of their labours, and His Excellency the Governor, and His Excellency the Governor, who have devoted much time to framing and bringing the constitution into operation."

SINCERE WISHES "Secondly, I want to express the satisfaction of Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom at the successful completion of an important task which is signified by the (Contd. on back page, Col. 1)

S'hai Protest  
Meeting

London, Apr. 21.

The Communist News Agency said today officials on the staff of the British Charge d'Affaires in Shanghai were present at a mass meeting in Shanghai yesterday for the victims of the April 11 air crash off Saragat.

The meeting was also attended by representatives from the consulates of Poland, the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia, India, Switzerland and Denmark.

Mr. Wang Yu-hsien, President of the Shanghai Branch of the Red Cross Society of China, told the meeting the 11 Communist agents who were murdered by United States Chiang Kai-shek agents. He demanded that the British Government thoroughly investigate the "conspiracy" and arrest and punish the murderers, the agency reported.

Similar meetings were held in all Communist China's major cities.

Hongkong was the last port of call of the Air India Constellation which was carrying Communist officials and journalists to the Afro-Asian conference. Britain has denied responsibility. — Reuters.

Queen Mother To  
Make Copter Flight

London, Apr. 22.

The Queen Mother will tomorrow make her first trip by helicopter. She is 54.

A whirling helicopter of the Royal Navy will "hop" her from Windsor, where she has remained with members of her family since Easter, to the Royal Air Force station at Biggin Hill, 30 miles to the south-east.

The Queen Mother will visit an auxiliary Air Force squadron of which she is Honorary Commodore and will return to Windsor by helicopter. — China Mail Special.

12 Known Dead  
In New  
Earth Tremor

Volos, Greece, Apr. 21. A fresh earth tremor today killed at least 12 people and all but completed destruction of this Greek port where 3,500 people were already homeless from Tuesday's severe earthquake.

Panic-stricken crowds fled to the hills while others rushed to the quayside. Ships in the harbor reported women and children crying and begging to be allowed to leave the "curled land."

A police official said today's tremor was stronger than that on Tuesday. — Reuters.

Admiral  
Brownfield  
Promoted

Ex-Commodore Of  
Hongkong

London, Apr. 22.

Three new top-ranking appointments were announced by the Admiralty here today — 72 hours after Admiral Earl Mountbatten took over as First Sea Lord.

Admiral Sir George Cressy, 58, at present Commander-in-Chief, Portsmouth, is to be an Admiral of the Fleet; Vice-Admiral Sir Ralph Edwards, 54, at present Third Sea Lord, becomes an Admiral; Rear-Admiral Leslie Brownfield, 53, is made a vice-Admiral. — Reuters.

D-DAY PLANNER

Admiral Cressy, probably more than any other man, was responsible for the detailed operational planning leading up to D-Day.

He took command of the Home Fleet in 1949 and in September 1954 became Commander-in-Chief, Portsmouth. Vice-Admiral Edwards became Third Sea Lord in March 1953. He has seen service in the Far East and was for a time on loan to the Royal New Zealand Navy. Rear-Admiral Brownfield has served as Commodore, Hongkong, commanded the aircraft carrier Implacable and acted as President of the Admiralty Review Board at Dartmouth Naval College. — Reuters.

REBELLION IN  
ASSAM

Calcutta, Apr. 21. Indian troops were rushed to the hilly jungles of Northeast Assam today to quell a rebellion of head-hunting Naga tribesmen. Reports reaching Indian administration headquarters at Shillong said the tribesmen had ambushed in isolated pockets members of the Assam Rifles, a paramilitary police force policing the Twentysong area.

A large part of the area inside the Northeastern Assam border is still defying Indian administration and fanning revolt for a separate Naga State independent of India. Last year a large number of Indian troops were massacred when they ventured into the area on a goodwill mission, distributing salt and blankets. — United Press.

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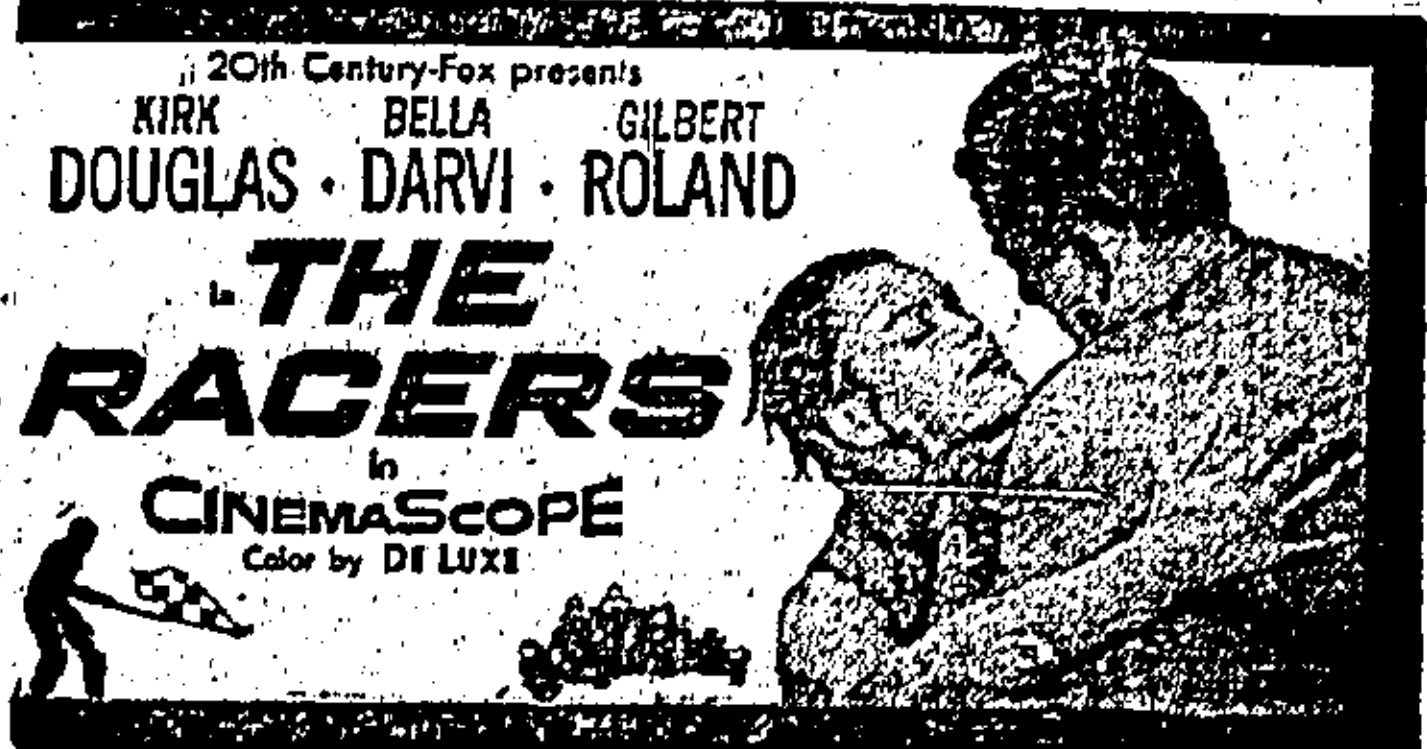
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MeetingMUST STICK TOGETHER  
SAYS DELEGATE

Bandung, Apr. 21.

Egypt intends to press for another meeting of the Asian-African Powers and at very least a permanent Secretariat, reliable Egyptian sources said today.

These sources said that the Egyptian Prime Minister, Lieut-Col Gamal Abdel Nasser, was convinced that the Asian-African nations must stick together if they are to implement the result of this first meeting.

The Egyptian proposal will be put before the conference's Political Committee at the end of its meetings, these sources said.

Just what form it will take has not been decided.

WHERE DO WE GO?

"What we want to ask the conference is where do we go from here?" the Egyptian official said.

"We think that all these nations must stick together. Otherwise we might lose what we all have been fighting for."

"We already are thinking in terms of the second meeting of the Asian and African Powers. It is time to think of that."

The Egyptian official conceded that some Asian and African nations were against another meeting. But he said that this made no difference to Egypt.

"Some nations are trying to wreck this conference," he charged, "from without and from within."

He would not explain his remark.

"At the very least, we must set up some sort of permanent organization," the Egyptian said. "This is necessary in order that we can keep in touch with one another."

The resolution will condemn the use of armed force to settle world problems.

Japan also is expected to introduce a resolution calling for nations to improve economic and cultural co-operation by "principles of justice, freedom and security," informed sources said.—United Press.

KILLED MAN TO  
BE HANGED

London, Apr. 21.

Frederick Arthur Cross killed a man for the pleasure of being hanged.

He lived in Staffordshire. His wife had left him and after this, finding life unbearable, he decided to commit suicide.

However, he hesitated between numerous means put at man's disposal to end life by modern or ancient methods. Should he throw himself under a train or jump into a river, or take poison, or hang himself?

He first thought of taking poison—but having—bought—rat

HOOVER  
CHANGES  
MIND

Washington, Apr. 21.

Mr. Herbert Hoover, the former U.S. President, said here today that he had changed his mind on the possible advantages of expelling the Soviet Union from the United Nations.

"I think we've got to go on and worry with the Russians in the UN in the hope that things will get better," he stated.

Mr. Hoover, who was addressing the Senate Foreign Relations



Herbert Clark Hoover

Committee, also affirmed that the US could not abandon the UN although it "has fulfilled our hopes."

The Committee was studying the question of revising the United Nations Charter. On this question, Mr. Hoover said it would be useless to modify the Charter before there had been "a great change in the whole Communist attitude." —France-Press.

W. German  
Customs Boat  
SeizedBerlin, Apr. 21.  
The East German police today seized and took to East Germany a West Berlin Customs motor boat, according to radio reports from the crew of the boat.

The boat was seized on the Havel River. The four-man crew remained in radio contact with West Berlin as far as Potsdam (East Zone) where the boat's radio aerial was broken in passing under a bridge.

The crew reported the boat was seized in West Berlin waters.—France-Press.



## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Look, Sis! Here's one of Dad's old report cards with an 'F' in algebra—this is valuable stuff for us!"

ACTRESS  
IN HOTEL  
FIGHT

New York, Apr. 21.

Jean Carson, blonde actress who is playing a role in the filming of "The Phenix City Story," suffered a cut knee in a Columbus, Georgia, hotel room fight early today, and police sought a man who said he was her husband under questioning.

Miss Carson, 29, is on leave from the Broadway play, "Anniversary Waltz," and has also made television appearances.

She plays a gambler's girl friend in the motion picture about nearby Phenix City, Alabama, "one time vice open city of vice and crime." Police said she suffered a "jagged" cut on the knee in the reported dispute. Gaolet was Les Smith, 29, of New York, who said he was Miss Carson's husband.—United Press.

Warships Again  
For Wilhelmshaven

Wilhelmshaven, Apr. 21.

The West German Chancellor, Dr. Konrad Adenauer, today assured the inhabitants of this former German naval base that they would soon see warships in its harbours again.

He announced on a visit here that under German rearmament plans 5,000 sailors would be based at Wilhelmshaven and three naval flotillas would be stationed here.—Reuter.

AFGHANS DEMAND  
PLEBISCITE

Lahore, Apr. 21.

The Afghan Ambassador, Sardar Mohammed Atiq Khan, said today that Afghanistan may seek a United Nations decision unless Pakistan agrees to a plebiscite on the status of the Northwest Frontier.

Atiq Khan, en route from Kabul, the Afghan capital, to Peshawar in the Northwest Frontier Province, told Lahore airport reporters that "mischievous persons" were striving to create bad blood between Pakistan and Afghanistan.

He discounted charges of a break in diplomatic relations between the two countries and said that the Afghan Government was taking steps to check the trouble makers. Atiq Khan said that his Government was trying to convince Pakistan that a plebiscite should be held in the tribal

areas which Pakistan plans to merge into the new Federation of West Pakistan, but he said no satisfactory response had been made by Pakistan.

Atiq Khan said as a last resort Afghanistan was likely to take the issue to the United Nations for a decision.

He said that the Afghan Government admitted the Kabul attacks but that no similar admission had been made by Pakistan about the attacks on the Afghan Mission in Peshawar.

Afghanistan had given full assurance to Pakistan that there would be no repetition of the anti-Pakistan attacks, Atiq Khan said. He denied reports of a food shortage in Afghanistan and said that his Government had not appealed to the United States for wheat.—United Press.

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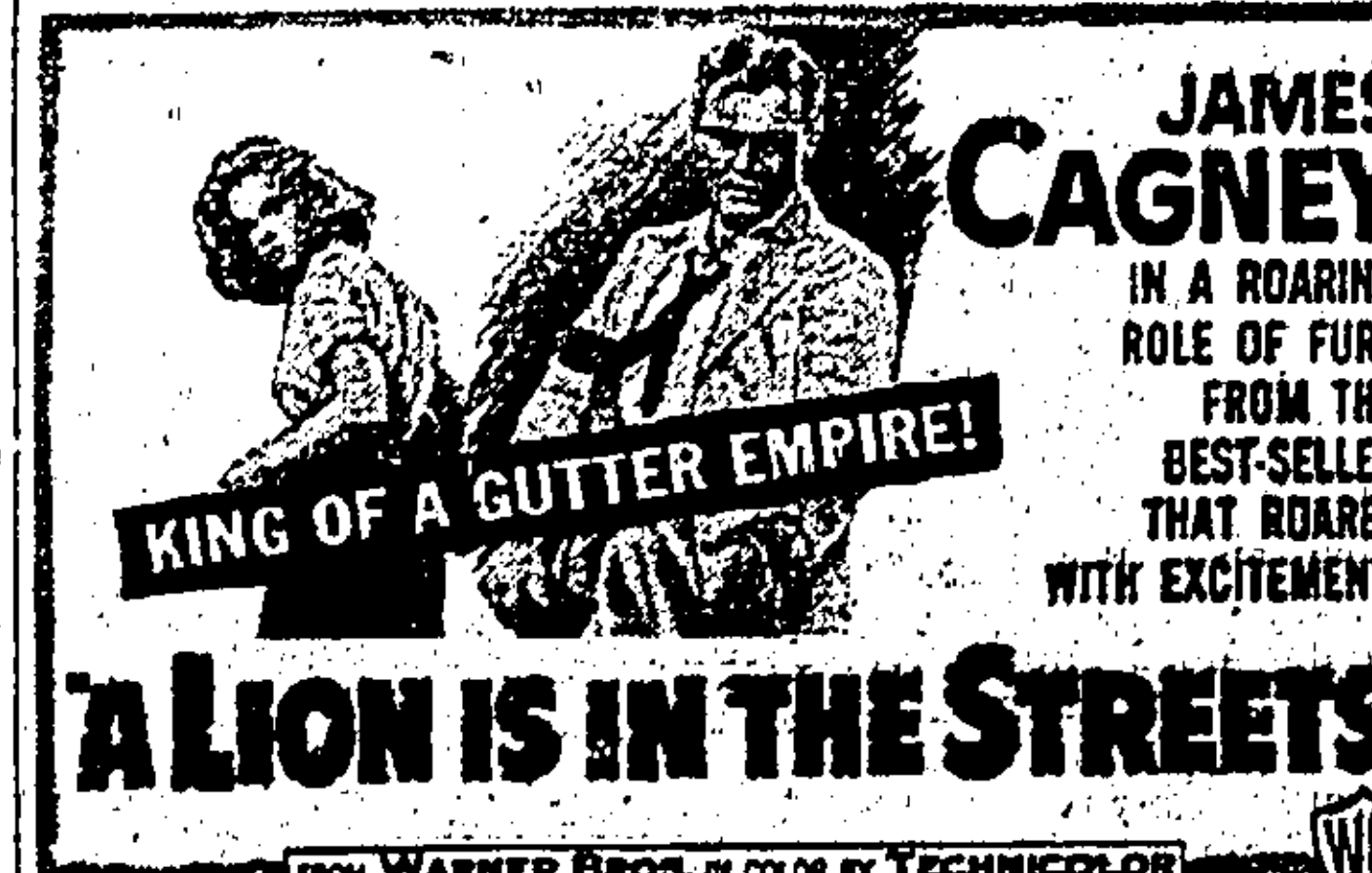
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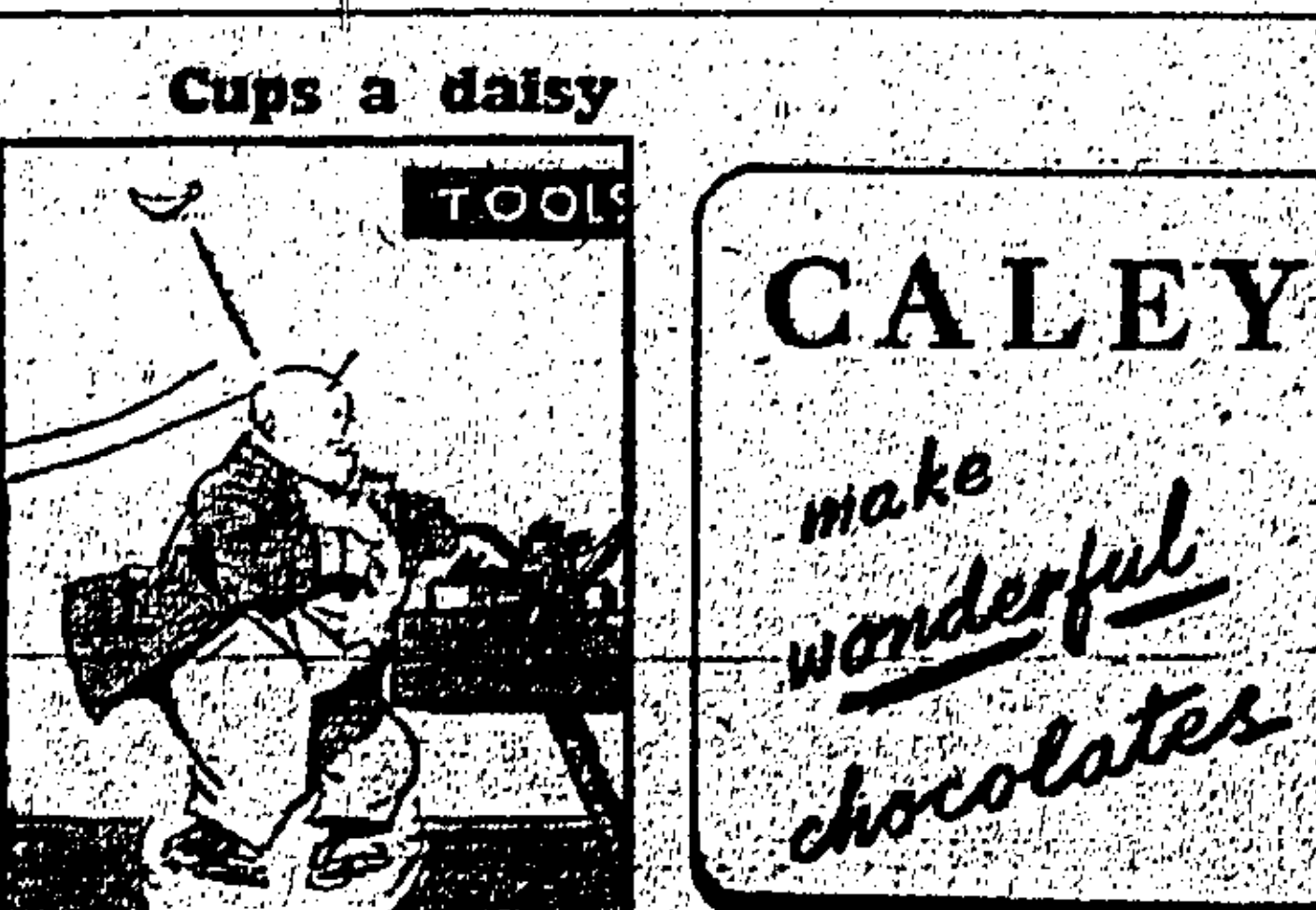


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# OPPOSITION TO IKE'S FOREIGN

General Collins  
To Testify



Washington, Apr. 21. A State Department spokesman said today that the prime purpose of General Lawton Collins' return to the United States was to testify before the Senate Appropriations Committee.

General Collins, President Eisenhower's personal emissary to Indo-China, is due in Washington late today or early tomorrow.

Asked whether General Collins would go back to Saigon, the spokesman said: "As far as I know, he is going back."—Reuter.

Batons Used  
Against  
Demonstrators

Johannesburg, Apr. 21. Batons were used by police today against a crowd of Africans demonstrating against the new Bantu Education Act.

Earlier, the demonstrators set fire to the Dutch Reformed Church Mission School, in the East Rand. Several demonstrators were arrested.

Some 10,000 African students have been boycotting Bantu schools for the past nine days in protest against the Bantu Education Act.

The Department of Native Affairs in Pretoria said today that a small militant organisation in Johannesburg was responsible for the boycott.

Meanwhile, in Sophiatown, near here, a 16-year-old boy was stabbed by a group of African youths "because he attended school," the police said.

Monday was the "last day of grace" given to native children to attend school under the Bantu Education Act. All those who do not attend on Monday will be banned as truants under orders from the Native Affairs Minister, Dr. H. F. Verwoerd.

—United Press.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS  
3 Putting out of countenance (8).  
8 Pigment (8).  
9 Stubbard (8).  
11 Numeral (8).  
12 Scurvy (4).  
13 Sources of water (5).  
14 Assesses (5).  
15 Jealousy (4).  
22 Give up hope (8).  
24 Confederacy (8).  
25 Supplementary building (8).  
26 Game bird (8).

DOWN  
1 Flower (5).  
2 Margin (5).  
3 Someone else (7).  
4 Infant (4).  
5 Avoid (4).  
6 Likenesses (6).  
7 Visitors (6).  
10 Distributed (5).  
14 Burdened (5).  
15 Snake (7).  
16 Run off (8).  
17 Slim (6).  
20 Blends (5).  
21 Show in (5).  
22 Platform (4).  
23 Scrutinise (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 3 Amicable, 7 Sewer, 8 Escorted, 10 Recant, 13 Prepare, 15 Bede, 17 Encores, 18 Solist, 20 Erin, 21 Similes, 28 Resist, 29 Register, 30 Inter, 29 Turnspit, Down: 1 Usurp, 2 Twice, 3 Arena, 4 Crop, 5 Bitter, 6 Eddies, 9 Stress, 11 Error, 12 Apron, 14 Enlure, 15 Boris, 16 Denes, 18 Secret, 19 Linger, 22 Merit, 23 Lists, 24 Story, 25 Ask.

## AID PLAN No More Large Programmes For Asia SEN. BYRD'S OPINION

Washington, Apr. 21. The United States Government's foreign aid programme of \$3,530,000,000 proposed by President Eisenhower in his message to Congress yesterday, appears to be running into difficulties.

Democratic Senator Harry Byrd of Georgia, Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and his Republican colleague, Mr. Charles Potter of Michigan are both opposed to further direct American economic assistance to the allies of the United States.

## RUSSIA WILL RETURN 62 US SHIPS

Washington, Apr. 21. Russia today agreed to return 62 vessels lent by the United States under the World War II Lend-Lease programme.

The agreement—called an agreement in principle—was worked out during a meeting between the Soviet Ambassador, Mr. Georgi Zarubin, and State Department officials. Papers with details of the agreement remain to be signed.

State Department officials said the vessels are expected to be returned to the United States between June and August of this year. The transfer is scheduled to take place at Kiel, Germany.

The vessels concerned are primarily PT boats and subchasers.—United Press.

## PRICES SLASHED! CHEAP ISOTOPES

Washington, Apr. 21. The Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) today slashed its prices on radioactive isotopes.

From July 1, the Commission said, isotopes used in all biomedical and agricultural research and research in medical therapy would be available to domestic users at 20 per cent of the catalogue price.—Reuter.

Mr. Byrd, a strong supporter of Government economy, told the Press today that he is opposed "to starting another large programme in Asia."

ONLY "POINT FOUR"  
He said that "the time has come to eliminate all economic aid to other countries except for a reasonable amount of 'Point Four' technical assistance to other countries."

Democratic Senator Mike Mansfield of Montana wants the Eisenhower programme cut to less than \$3,000,000,000, while Democratic Senator Walter George of Georgia, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Affairs Committee, of the Senate and Democratic Congressman James Richard of South Carolina, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives are showing very little haste in beginning study of the foreign aid programme.—France-Press.

## European Economic Integration

Amsterdam, Apr. 21. Mr. Johan Beyen, the Dutch Foreign Minister, said tonight that he hoped to have an early opportunity of putting forward concrete proposals on European economic integration to the foreign ministers of other countries.

"I have cause for confidence that the support of our Benelux partners (Belgium and Luxembourg) can be obtained for these proposals," he told a meeting of the European movement.

"Owing to the responsibilities of the United Kingdom within the British Commonwealth she cannot share in joint responsibility for a common economic policy in a supranational framework," Mr. Beyen said.

"On the other hand I cannot see a similar objection on the part of the Continental European countries to participating in a supranational organisation of their economic relationship, especially because supranational military co-operation is now no longer bound up with it," Mr. Beyen said.—Reuter.

## Israel Accepts Four Proposals On Gaza

Jerusalem, Apr. 21. Israel has accepted three of four proposals aimed at reducing tension on the Gaza strip border made by Major-General Edson Burns, United Nations Palestine Chief of Staff and supported by the Security Council, authoritative sources said today.

The proposals Israel has accepted are: Negotiations for agreements between local Israeli and Egyptian commanders along the lines of those reached between Israel and Jordan for the Jerusalem area.

Construction of a double apron barbed wire fence along certain parts of the demarcation line; and the manning of all outposts and patrols by regular troops.

The same authoritative sources said Israel had rejected the proposal to have joint patrols by Israeli, Egyptian and United Nations personnel in sensitive sections of the line. They said the Israeli Foreign Ministry handed a reply to General Burns yesterday.—Reuter.

## Easter Christening In A Cathedral Garden



At five weeks, Garry John Jones was not taking much interest in his christening, but in the years to come he will be proud of this picture because it's unique. He was christened on Easter Sunday in the font among the flowers of the first Easter Garden ever planted in St Paul's Cathedral. Performing the ceremony was Mr. R. Simpson, Sacristan of St Paul's. Garry John is the son of Mr. John Henry Jones of Ilford, Essex, who has worked for many years in the Cathedral.—Reuterphoto.

## GLOOMY AND GLUM

London, Apr. 21. Showmen, bookmakers, football pool chiefs and news agents today glumly toted up the losses they suffered in Britain's newspaper strike.

The chaotic repercussions caused by the stoppage enveloped millions of small businessmen. They will smart under its lash for some time to come.

Here are some of the effects it had: Football pools: Pools receipts are believed to have dropped by 50 per cent.

Theatres: Ticket agencies were not eager to buy up their normal blocks of tickets for new shows without Press reviews.

Stores: There was little demand for selling fashion which would normally figure almost daily in newspaper advertisements.

News Agents: Some lost up to £50 weekly—a hard blow to a small shopkeeper. The big demand for magazines did not offset the losses on newspapers.

Bookmakers: Some firms said they were doing only five per cent of their normal turnover as clients could get no information about possible runners.

There were some smiles from bookshops. They could not find enough novels to keep customers satisfied in the first days of the strike.—China Mail Special.

## Gen. Ridgway — Kaiser Executive?

Oakland, Apr. 21. Headquarters here of the Kaiser interests said today that there had been discussions with General Matthew Ridgway, US Army Chief of Staff, about the possibility of his becoming President of Industries Kaiser-Alumina after retirement. No definite agreement had been made. Discussions were being continued.

General Ridgway will retire next August. He is in Argentina now as a guest of Mr. Edgar Kaiser, Vice-President of the Kaiser subsidiary.—Reuter.

## Ban Lifted On Prostitution In Buenos Aires

Buenos Aires, Apr. 21. DANCING, gambling and drinking will be banned and only "well behaved" prostitutes allowed in a closed red light city to be set up within Buenos Aires, it was announced today.

Official regulations issued by the municipal authorities said control will be exercised through good conduct certificates awarded by police to eligible prostitutes after careful screening.

The official announcement follows a Christmastide decree legalising prostitution in Argentina after a 20-year ban.

## Morning & Sunday Papers May Increase Prices

London, Apr. 21. Londoners had newspapers to read again today — and rush hour buses and trains regained the absorbed atmosphere which marked them till the strike banished newspapers from the capital almost four weeks ago.

Today morning and evening newspapers rolled normally off the presses, but the three London evening journals brought bitter-sweet news to their readers. From tomorrow they said they must raise prices from 1/4d to 2d. They blamed "recent events" and noted that outside the capital Briton's already pay 2d for evening newspapers.

The decision heightened expectation that the morning and Sunday newspapers too may soon need to put prices up.

COST OVER £4M.  
The strike of 700 maintenance men which halted them since March 25 has cost a grand total of "over four million pounds sterling," newspapers said.

Most of today's newspapers made no serious effort to cover the major news that has gone unreported in the past weeks. But the Times—as much as an institution as a newspaper—produced an ambitious supplement in which it devoted half of one of its large pages to the news of each day it has missed publication.

The Conservative Daily Telegraph too produced a summary of the lost news in the form of a supplement.

But the popular 1/4d journals looked straight ahead, glancing backwards only to pick up main points of Britain's Budget which apart from immediate personal interest will echo on to the general election campaign.

Most newspapers pegged the surviving core of big stories indignantly on to topical developments, a technique which they hope in a few days will bring readers reasonably abreast of the unread news.

London's main streets quickly began to accumulate the litter which had almost vanished in recent weeks. The news vendors back at their corner stands had chalked up notices such as "here we are again" and "Londoners seemed everywhere pleased to see them."

Only one of the London evening newspapers made much of the strike. It was the London Evening News which in addition to publishing an editorial scolding the "inflexible and stubborn" attitude of the strike leaders carried a red masthead with the legend "News Again" and frontpaged twin pictures of a Fleet Street name plate and traffic lights signalled "Go".

BEAMING VENDOR  
It gave pride of place to a photograph of a beaming news vendor selling the paper and in its news story quoted a bookstall manager as saying: "People are happier than they have been for a month."

The maintenance men returned to work last night after accepting the employers' offer of 12 shillings weekly pay rises on condition that new wage talks begin within eight weeks.—Reuter.

## CEYLON REDUCES TEA DUTY

Colombo, Apr. 21. Export duty on tea will be reduced by 30 cents per pound with effect from midnight tonight, as a result of a decision made by the Ceylon Cabinet.

The new import duty will be one rupee (about 4 cents) per pound.—France-Press.

Buenos Aires will put up buildings at municipal expense and rent them as brothels by public tender. Each will have a dining hall and servants' quarters as well as a medical inspection centre.

Girls selling their favours must be at least 22 years old and permitted to retire at their own request. They will be expelled in cases of ill health or breaches of the regulations.—Reuter.

Prostitutes leaving the profession will be entitled to have all records showing they had lived in the city destroyed. They will not be allowed to cater for youths under 18 years of age who are under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

The red light district will cover 200,000 square yards in south-west Buenos Aires. It is estimated unofficially that the cost of the project including gardens will be in the region of 25,000,000 pesos (about £5,000,000). Usually reliable sources said the "love city" will consist of 32 ground floor "houses" with 10 stairs in each.

The houses will be in Roman style with colonnades. They will cost 2,500,000 pesos (£250,000) each and will be spread over gardens and new paved streets.—Reuter.

## KOREA PLANE INCIDENT

### Truce Supervisors' Split Decision

Munsan, Apr. 21. The Neutral Nations Truce Supervisors today handed down a split decision on who was to blame when United States Sabre-jets shot down two Communist planes which attacked an American bomber off the North Korean coast in February.

The Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission, composed of Communist Poland and Czechoslovakia, Sweden and Switzerland, informed the United Nations Military Armistice Commission that it "had been unable to arrive at a joint evaluation of the Yellow Sea incident."

The Communist members of the Commission insisted that the United States made an "illegal attack" against the Red planes on February 5 and "violated" North Korean territory.

CONTRADICTION  
The Swedish and Swiss members charged that the Communist claims were "in contradiction of the truth."

They said that the Communist charges were "not proved."

The jet dog-fight broke out 10 miles off the North Korean coast near Pyongyang on February 5 when a flight of Communist MIGs attacked a RO-45 patrol bomber. The escorting United States jets pounced on the attacking planes and sent two down in flames.

Major-General Leslie D. Carler, senior United Nations Command Military Armistice Commission member, said that the truce supervisors vote "reveals the true picture of the NNSC's ineffectiveness."

He added: "The fact that the NNSC, a supposedly neutral commission, was unable to come to a decision was due entirely to the obstructive tactics of the Czechoslovak and Polish representatives."

The United Nations Command said that during investigations it had given the neutral nations detailed information and documents including the navigators' logs, flight charts and radar photographs.

In attempting to prove their charge of air violation, the Communists produced gas tanks which were ejected from the United States jet and fell on North Korea.

The United Nations said that these tanks, if dropped at sea, could have been carried to land.

Although never admitted by the United States, officials studying the incident said that it was quite possible that the fight took place over North Korea.

They pointed out that this was not a violation when the Communist jets attacked first and the American planes in defence followed in "hot pursuit."—United Press.

SOLO AFTER  
5 MINUTES  
Frankfurt, Apr. 21. Two young anti-Communists who escaped to freedom in a "borrowed" sports plane through Czechoslovakia's "MIG Alley" confessed today that they never really learned to fly.

But they said they would like to join the American Air Force and learn.

"Flying came to me naturally," Karel Knoera, 29, told a Press conference. His total time in the air before the start of his dramatic flight totalled five minutes as a passenger.

Knoera and Zdenek Machuliner landed their rickety old sports plane in a ploughed field in Bavaria last Thursday after a flight from a field near Prague.—United Press.

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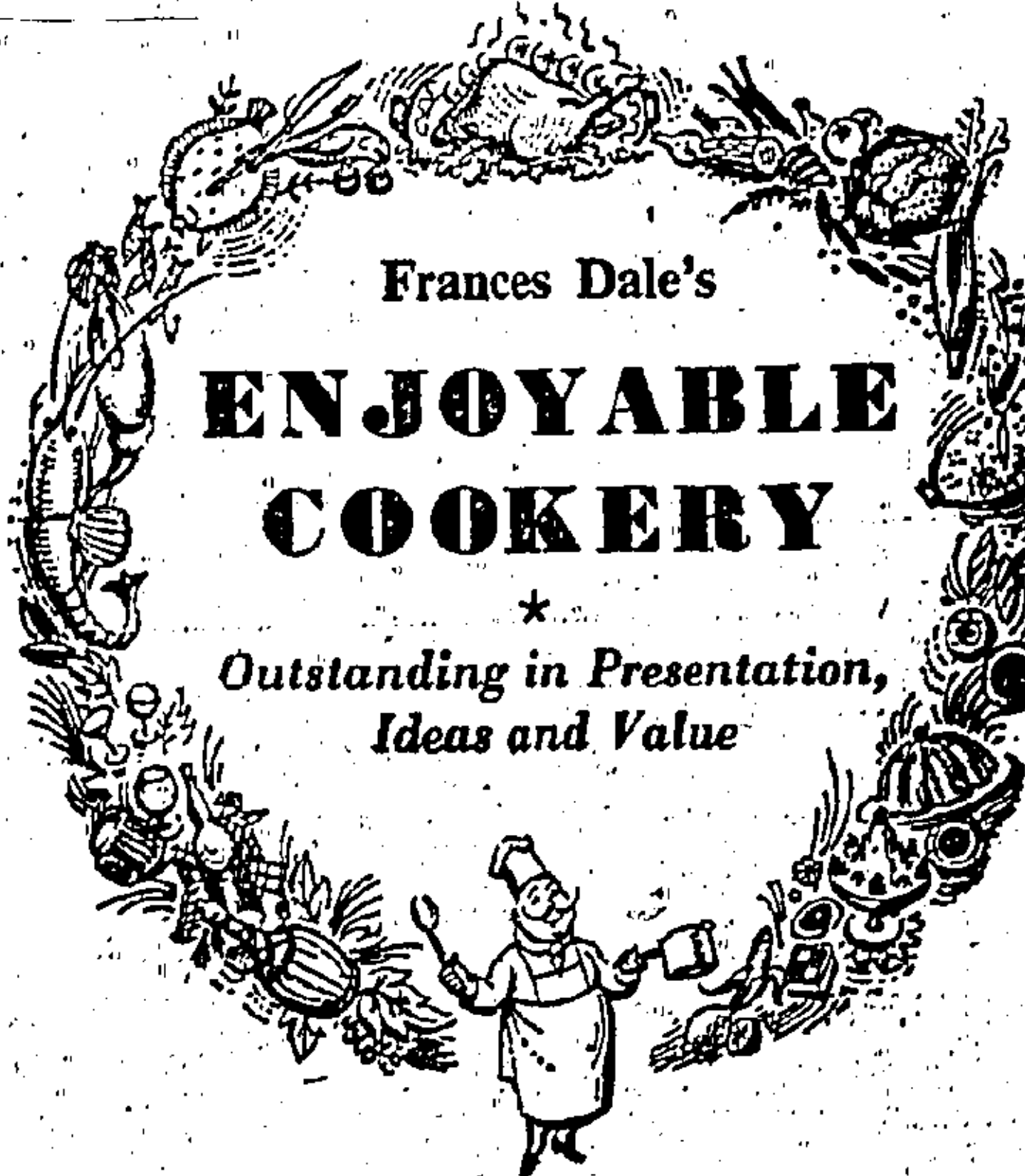
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## DID IT HAPPEN?

WHEN catching trains I usually behave like anyone else—I reject all compartments containing children or dogs, find the emptiest, and scatter my belongings over as many seats as possible to pretend that the occupants have all suddenly run off to buy newspapers.

Only once have I deliberately sought a compartment with a child in it. I was a keen young doctor, newly qualified, travelling north on a free first-class ticket to be interviewed for a job at a children's hospital.

I was walking along the platform at King's Cross with "Disease In Infancy And Childhood" under one arm and a large packet of sandwiches in my hand—for lunch was not included in my travelling expenses—when I saw a clean-looking boy of about three standing beside an open carriage door.

Noticing that a pretty young blonde was the only occupant of the carriage, I bent down and asked, beaming like Scrooge on Christmas morning: "What's your name, little boy?"

He looked me in the eye. "Rodney," he said. He seemed a self-possessed creature.

"Rodney, eh? What a nice name! Well, we'd better be getting inside, Rodney, haven't we? The train's going, any minute, and you don't want to be left behind by your mummy, do you?"

He shook his head. "Ooops—a daisy!" I said. Throwing my textbook and sandwiches on the seat, I helped the child into the coach. "I'm sure little Rodney will be a charming travelling companion for both of us," I said.

#### She smiled

She looked up from her magazine and smiled. "I must say, it's certainly a treat to hear you say that."

"Not at all, May I introduce myself? My name is Gordon. I'm a doctor, and I happen to specialise in paediatrics—children, you know."

"How interesting," she said, with an admiring glance.

This was not strictly true, as I had no practical experience of handling children what-ever, and thought the journey a good opportunity to start.

"Then you'll be able to keep Rodney amused as the way to Newcastle, won't you, doctor?" "Of course. That's my job—and my pleasure."

"What a nice thought," she said, smiling again. The train started. Rodney climbed on the seat and announced that he was a pirate and wanted to kill everybody. Then he sat down, swung his legs, and for 10 minutes made a noise like an old lorry going up hill in bottom gear.

When I couldn't stand the din any longer I patted him smartly on the head and asked, "Wouldn't you like to sit on my lap, Rodney?"

#### What's steam?

As soon as he accepted the invitation I began to wish that I had put off my experiment in child management until the journey home. My salary at the time was so small, that I had until the day before owned only one suit, a furry, baggy thing, stained with spit beer and chemicals and pickled with tobacco, which I had worn for examinations, celebrations after football matches, taking nurses to the pictures, and the similar scattered excitements of a medical student's life. Feeling that this suit would not, only lose me the job but probably be condemned on sight by the new hospital authorities and burned as insanitary, I had borrowed a few pounds and bought a somewhat ready-made outfit that would have satisfied an earnest young underclassman. And now this infant was wiping his feet on the trousers, blowing his nose on the lapels, and twisting the top waistcoat button like a man

## Rodney's the name



with a roaring thirst trying to unscrew a bottle of beer.

"You are clever, with children," came admiringly from the opposite seat. "Fancy letting him climb all over you like that. Anyone who didn't know would think he was simply ruining your clothes."

"Let's look out of the window," I said hastily, pressing the child's nose against the grimy glass.

"What's that?" Rodney demanded at once. "What's what?" "That white stuff." "Oh, that's steam." "What's steam?" "Steam? Well, it's a sort of water."

"What's it for?" "It makes the engine go." "How does it make the engine go?"

#### Not again

I tried to remember elementary physics. "It enters the cylinder under pressure." "What's pressure?" "Pressure? Well, pressure's a sort of term..." He went on like this for some miles.

Rodney made his lorry noise again for another 20 minutes, then crossed the carriage. I hoped he would at last get the thick ear he deserved, particularly when he pushed her hat and tore the brooch from her blouse. But somehow she kept her temper. She merely looked at me pleadingly and asked:

"Could you possibly take him back again?" I shook my head. If she was an over-indulgent mother, she deserved her punishment. Besides, I had started on my sandwiches.

"I'm hungry," yelled the child.

"This is a highly unsuitable diet for infants," I said resignedly. "But if it keeps you quiet you may come and gorge yourself."

#### One bite

Rodney finished more of the sandwiches than I did, because he disposed of each by taking a single bite and rubbing the rest of the cheese and mustard pickle down my jacket and waistcoat. By now I had given up all hope of the job. I was wondering if I had something on me to anaesthetise the child when I slowly became aware of a dampness where he was sitting on my knee.

"Really, madam!" I said angrily, jumping up. "If you can't train your child better than this—"

She looked at me in amazement. "My child? Good heavens, do you imagine I'd let any child do my nice dress over me in that disgusting way? I thought he was yours."

"Mine? Rodney? Where's your mummy?"

"Gone to get a cup of tea."

"Thank heavens! She's on the train. Where are you going?"

"Weylyn Garden City."

"And we're non-stop to Newcastle," murmured the blonde.

#### Half-fare

"Someone's got to pay," said the guard, as he made out the ticket. "One first-class return—it'll be half-fare, at least. You can get the night train from Newcastle, but you'll have to look after him till then." "But I've got an important interview," I said, possibly arriving there with a small child. "Sorry, sir. We're the London North-Eastern Railway, not a kindergarten."

## HE'S THE TOUGHEST ADVENTURER AMONG THE TOUGH RUSSIAN REDS

By John Atkinson



Nikita Khrushchev

THE most powerful man in Russia, stubby, gold-toothed Nikita Khrushchev, has made two new moves in his drive to high-gear the Soviet's production of food and machinery.

He has ordered thousands of experienced workers in the Communist Party government and scientific institutions to hurry off to backward farms and tone up their output.

And, secondly, Khrushchev has set up a Ministry of General Machine-building to concentrate on stocking new factories with plant.

What sort of a man is he, this Khrushchev, who has rushed his way to power in the world's most hazardous political scramble with all the finesse of a bulldozer?

Eyes of that baby-blue colour which melts a mother's heart disguise the stony brutality of the man. He is stubby, efficient and bounding with aggressive vitality. In the kiss-of-death manner he slaps on the back all those whom he is plotting to destroy.

A few days after he pitched Malenkov from the Premiership two months ago they went together to a play—"Wings," by Alexander Kornelchuk—and applauded scenes attacking Lavrenti Beria, secret police chief sent to the firing squad by Malenkov a year previously.

Such are the jovial blandishments of Khrushchev. But his heart is as cold as the iron ore his father mined near Kursk, on the fringe of the Ukraine, the Russia-rich republic which forms the Soviet's western flank. This mine, he worked as a shepherd and later went into a mill. And in Lenin's bandwagon of revolution against the Czar, it did not matter that rough

though Khrushchev could not read till he was 25.

He elbowed his way into the world's picture as Mayor of Moscow when the city's underground railway was being built. Nikita took all the credit for that job, and went back to the Ukraine on promotion as secretary of the Communist Party there.

An assassin tried to kill him with a bomb, but slipped—and it was the assassin who died.

Then Russian troops moved into Poland (lining up against Hitler's invaders in 1939) and Khrushchev was ordered by the Kremlin to Communise the Soviet-held half of the country.

He ordered the Polish farm workers to seize big estates and divide the land between them. He put workmen into factory directors' jobs, and as the rich became poor he threatened: "If anyone tries to stop us we will knock him out."

Stalin made him a lieutenant-general (political) when the Germans attacked Russia. Three years later, when the Ukraine was liberated by Soviet troops, Khrushchev, in red-tipped uniform, was made its President.

The vodka of victory was heady stuff and the Ukrainians, who fought stoutly against the Germans, grew restive under Russia and wanted independence.

This "resurgence of nationalism," as Khrushchev called it, was put down harshly. He purged half the Ukraine's Communist Party officials, Gaois filled and firing squads emptied them.

In all this Khrushchev was ably helped by Colonel Ivan Serov, a gargoyle specialist. Serov is now the Russia's Minister of State Security.

The miner's son was on his way to power, and soon his star rose higher. Stalin made him a secretary in the Party directorship—the central committee—and Khrushchev used this new job to attack all ranks and, thereby, the government. He said: "There is widespread political frivolity, loafing and revelation of State secrets. Appointments are made on the basis of friendship, personal devotion and blood relationship. This cheating must stop."

It was as though an official at Tory Party headquarters got up and accused the British Cabinet of graft and corruption.

Yes, Khrushchev prides himself on punch and drive and straight talking. When Moscow's building programme was slowed by "serious mistakes" after the war, he took over and called the bosses and foremen together under the night-shift floodlights.

Khrushchev demanded "better discipline." He got it.

He was seventh on the Kremlin power list when Stalin died in March 1953 and Malenkov took over. Then Malenkov made his fatal mistake. He appointed Khrushchev First Secretary of the Party—gave him the power that kept Stalin in the driver's seat for 30 years.

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Yes, 63-year-old Nikita Khrushchev, father of two sons and several daughters, is making all the cunning on the tough Kremlin course.

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by Richard Gordon



RICHARD GORDON is not his real name and he did not mean to be a writer. He qualified as a doctor in 1945 and for professional reasons used a non-de-plume: his real name is Gordon Ostrove.

As a ship's doctor he found himself with time on his hands as a trip to Australia. So he wrote a funny book about his experiences as a medical student—and found himself high in the ranks of top-selling authors.

Doctor in the House has run this 170,000 copies, been translated into many languages, and became a most successful British film.

Dr. Ostrove has given up medicine, and Richard Gordon, now aged 32, is a full-time writer. He lives in Oxford with his wife (also a doctor) and their small son.

A little while ago I saw a photograph of the hospital new wing in the papers. Like an old love letter, it gave me a feeling of sadness overwhelmed by relief that some other man was chosen in the end.

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Within two years of Malenkov's appointment as Premier, Khrushchev had him out and replaced by Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, a dandified political soldier noted for his love of wine and other mellow things and for his willingness to obey a strong boss.

This was a highlight in Khrushchev's soaring career. He scored with the redoubtable lights of Russia's parliament house gleaming on his balding pate.

There sat Malenkov, his flabby face impassive, as the chairman, Alexander Volkov, read out his session of "guilt and mistakes" and his "request" to be allowed to resign.

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## Hunt For Rare Animals

By BILL GLASS

Brussels. LEE Talbot, 24-year-old American ecologist—student of plant and animal life in relation to environment—is going hunting next month for animals most of the world has never seen and rarely heard of.

Talbot, tall, fair-haired chief of the "survival service" of the International Union for the Protection of Nature, leaves Brussels on a trek half-way round the world—a mercy mission to save the lives of rare animals threatened with extinction by rapidly expanding civilisation.

In his modest office close by King Baudouin's palace, Talbot, who comes from Berkeley, California, plans his five-month trek through the Near, Middle and Far East, over parched desert trails, through uncharted jungle tracks.

#### VERTICAL HORNS

In Arabia he will look for the oryx, a small pure white antelope type with vertical horns. Talbot says it is the origin of the unicorn myth and is close to extinction.

In Syria, Iraq and the Lebanon he will search for the Syrian wild donkey, known three thousand years before the birth of Christ. It is a cross between a horse and a zebra and is only three feet high, and is said to be the forerunner of the modern horse.

There are believed to be none living, but Talbot hopes to find some in the "Fertile Crescent Region," a vast uncharted area in northern Syria and Iraq. Says Talbot: "I will probably find traces of other rare animals up there too—animals probably unknown to modern science."

#### WILD ASS

In Pakistan he will seek the Asiatic lion and the wild ass. Then India, to search again for the Asiatic lion, and for traces of the great Indian rhinoceros. "It is the second largest existing rhino," says Talbot. "It is really prehistoric. It's a walking tank. Stands six feet high at the shoulder. Fourteen feet long. It's got folds of skin like armour-plating."

In Burma, Malaya and Indonesia, Talbot will track the near extinct Javan one-horned rhinoceros.

For the slow extinction of some of the world's animals Talbot blames mankind. For centuries the Asiatic lion was hunted and slaughtered for sport by Oriental princes. The great Indian rhinoceros and the little Javan one-horned rhino have been hunted for hundreds of years by natives who believe their horn, the skin and other parts of the animal have magic properties. Talbot hopes to persuade them other-

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# Tomorrow's Chances At The Valley

By "RAPIER"

The Tenth Race Meeting tomorrow afternoon at the Valley will ring down the curtain on the 1954/55 Racing Season. The completion of this meeting will mean the end of another racing season and I anticipate that with the weather now prevailing, a record crowd will probably turn out to witness the termination.

The Hongkong Champions & Chater Cup will form the main attraction in a programme of ten events and keen racing should be the order of the day.

Added interest has been aroused over tomorrow afternoon's meeting due to the uncertainty which still prevails as to who will have the honour of being Champion Jockey for 1954-55.

Mr Plumby leads with 23 wins and is followed by M. Samaroo with 21.

A Ostroumoff is on level terms with K. Kwok, the reigning Champion, with 15 wins each. It will be seen, therefore, that a very close race for honours will ensue.

The first Saddling Belt will be rung at 1.30 p.m. with the first race starting at 2.00 p.m. sharp. Here are my estimates of the chances:

**FIRST RACE**  
Shropshire Handicap: One Mile.  
The opening event will be contested by Class 6 ponies and an interesting race should ensue.

Timber (C. A. Lee) has been given top weight of 153 lbs. and this will probably hamper its chance of winning.

Laddie, with Allan Chan up, came third in the Excessor Handicap at the last meeting. It will again be taken out by this novice rider, who will have an allowance of 7 lbs. tomorrow afternoon and has a good chance of winning here.

Peony (V. H. Oliveira), unplaced the last time out with Xavier up, has been knocking at the door of success for a long time. I think its chances are right bright tomorrow afternoon on account of its light weight of 140 lbs.

Nease Lady (T. L. Wong) and Dily (P. Plumby) are also dangerous and must not be overlooked.

**SECOND RACE**  
Sussex Handicap: One Mile.  
Class 2 ponies will battle out the finish in this race.

Lure (C. L. Liu), carrying 146 lbs. won the Alveston Handicap from the 1 1/2 mile post at the last meeting. It will be called upon to carry 9 lbs. more tomorrow, and in spite of the increase in poundage I still believe it has a good chance of scoring another win.

The most dangerous opposition will come from Rainbow (P. Y. T. Wei), as this pony came second to Field Marshal in the Clarence Handicap over 1 1/4 miles at the last meeting after leading most of the way.

**WORLD TABLE TENNIS**  
Rules Committee  
Complains About  
Nets Used

Utrecht, Apr. 21.  
The Rules Committee of International Table Tennis Federation complained today that the nets used for present World championships here did not conform to the rules.

The committee stated that the support cord did not pass throughout the length of the upper part of the net but was simply attached to each end of the upper part to the two posts in this manner the cloth band of the net was in tension because it supported the weight of the net whereas the net should be freely suspended from the cord throughout its length.

The committee has decided to bring the case before the Congress and expressed its regrets that the nets employed in the championship did not conform to the rules.—France-Press.

**Combined Blues**  
Beat California

Los Angeles, Apr. 21.  
A mixed Oxford-Cambridge English University Rugby team beat the University of California yesterday by 15 points to 14.

This is the ninth win for the English university men out of 11 matches played in the United States and Canada during their present tour.

Two thousand spectators watched the home team go down when they missed a conversion by inches in the closing minutes of the game.—France-Press.

**SOUTH CHINA**  
WANT TO PLAY  
AT PENANG

Penang, North Malaya, Apr. 21.  
The South China Football Association has written to the Penang Football Association offering to play two games here in July.

A spokesman of the Penang F.A. said a meeting would be held soon. He said several of the South China F.A. players are members of the Hongkong Chinese team which is coming to Singapore for the annual Ho Ho Cup match with the Malayan Football Association.—United Press.

## Nominate YOUR Hongkong Footballer Of The Year

Members of the public are invited to nominate whom they consider to be Hongkong's Footballer of the Year for the current season.

It is a popularity poll organised by the China Mail, and nomination coupons will be received until the closing date to be announced later.

The two qualifications for nomination are:  
(1) Footballing prowess.  
(2) Sportsmanship on the field of play.

Nominations should be addressed to The Editor, China Mail, Wyndham Street, Hongkong.

To The Editor, China Mail.

My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into regard his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play is

of the ..... Club.

(Signed).....

## AROUND HOLLYWOOD

# Now Beth Throgmorton Is Hard At Work Picking Up An American Accent

By MICHAEL RUDDY

Sunshine, blue skies, winds scented with orange-blossom and roses, golden shores of the Pacific ten minutes' drive from your flat—would you get tired of all this?

"At least once a week I do," Joan Collins, very tanned, bare-legged, wearing a light blue cotton dress, said as we talked on the terrace. "I miss the rain and the cold and coming home to a cheerful fire. Day after day, sunshine and smog. But fortunately here in West Los Angeles and high up, we rarely get smog."

You could see the ocean shimmering in hazy sunshine. The mountains, 45 miles distant, snow-capped. And below, the vast panorama of Los Angeles. And still this young actress, whose role of Beth Throgmorton, a lady-in-waiting to Queen Elizabeth who married Raleigh in the colour-cinemascope "Sir Walter Raleigh," was built up after producers saw how she registered on the screen, still she misses the rain and the cold. She's a fiery lass who defies the Queen.

I regret I was misinformed about her part. And when last week one of her scenes with Cecil Davis, Queen Elizabeth, for the second time, was shown to me, I can understand why Twentieth Century Fox have signed Joan Collins for a straight two years, with options to follow.

"The Hollywood males?" "I don't date much," she said. "I go out with Sydney Chaplin. You know he played my lover in 'Land of the Pharaohs'." Noticably, Joan is changing her speech. She says "yes" instead of "yeah," flatters her a's and draws a little. "Why? 'Well, I made a test with Jeffrey Hunter for 'The Girl on the Red Velvet Swing,'" she explained. "It's about Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, the beautiful chorus-girl who became involved in a scandalous murder case."

As she was an American, the studio was worried about her accent. "I'll know their decision next week and then I'll go to work in earnest on my accent."

I left her in the sunshine, making tape-recordings in American.

**HOW MUCH A FALL?**  
What's a fall downstairs worth? For Helen Bates, veteran Hollywood stunt-girl, \$125. I watched her fall as a double for Marilyn Erskine in a CBS "Climax" television drama. Three cameras were focussed on her. It looked dreadfully realistic. Out of camera range, Helen picked herself up, bent down, wriggled, stretched, said, "Ouch! Dammit!" and limped off to a nurse to get a message.

Helen has doubled in "falls and stunts" for Barbara Stanwyck, Loretta Young, Joan Crawford, Claudette Colbert, Janet Leigh and many other film stars.

With Hollywood rapidly becoming the television capital

**HOME SOCCER**  
London, Apr. 21.  
Association Football results: League Division III (South): Newport 3 Brentford 1; Comely 3 Grays 1; League Division III (North): Barrow 2 Chesterfield 0.

I met Ursula Theils, Robert Taylor's beautiful German wife, with her 9-year-old son, Michael. She speaks only a few words of English. "Oh, he'll learn very quickly, just like my daughter, Mamma," said Ursula, who speaks with an accent. She said that Robert Taylor would finish "Quentin Darrow" and be home in time for their first

child's arrival, "about the end of June."

This week the wages tell of the film star who finally found happiness. She married her psychiatrist.

Terry Moore, the shapely Mormon who needs a good film, has some slight compensation. An oil well she's one-fourth owner of, in Oklahoma, is spouting black gold. Part of the revenue will go to the Mormon Church. Believe it or not, Terry teaches Sunday school every week, and knows her Bible better than C. B. De Mille.

One of the disappointed in Mario Lanza is Ben Hecht, the writer, who has a screenplay, "Dream Boy," to star Mario and to be filmed in London and Paris. First, the plump tenor has to do "Serenade" at Warners and the betting is that he will never make it.

In Hollywood with her play, "Dear Charles" is Tallulah Bankhead. And a dozen film stars wanted to give parties for her. Instead she gathered a few dozen old friends at her flat before the opening.

"Dahlings, dahlings. I love you all," she thundered. That's Tallulah.

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# ROYAL H.K. DEFENCE FORCE ORDERS

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## FORCE ORDERS

Constitutionary—The Commandant congratulates the R.H.K.D.F. "A" and "B" Teams on their excellent performance in the Colony Sports League on Sunday April 17, 1955. The "A" Team defeating the Army "A" and the "B" Team defeating the Army "B". With a comfortable lead of some one hundred points in the Grand aggregate, the two more rounds of the League left our two teams firing against one another. The "A" Team secured a decisive victory in the League title for the third year in succession. Below are the scores registered by members of the two teams. R.H.K.D.F. "A" Team: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th.

HOME GUARD  
Training—Friday April 20, 1955.  
Steno Cavalry Preliminary Practice: 8.00 a.m. to 9.00 a.m. Parade: 9.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. Drill: 10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Drill: 11.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. Drill: 12.00 p.m. to 1.00 p.m. Drill: 1.00 p.m. to 2.00 p.m. Drill: 2.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. Drill: 3.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. Drill: 4.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Drill: 5.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. Drill: 6.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. Drill: 7.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. Drill: 8.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. Drill: 9.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. Drill: 10.00 p.m. to 11.00 p.m. Drill: 11.00 p.m. to 12.00 p.m. Drill: 12.00 p.m. to 1.00 p.m. Drill: 1.00 p.m. to 2.00 p.m. Drill: 2.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. Drill: 3.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. Drill: 4.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Drill: 5.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. Drill: 6.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. Drill: 7.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. Drill: 8.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. Drill: 9.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. Drill: 10.00 p.m. to 11.00 p.m. Drill: 11.00 p.m. to 12.00 p.m. Drill: 12.00 p.m. to 1.00 p.m. Drill: 1.00 p.m. to 2.00 p.m. Drill: 2.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. Drill: 3.00 p.m. to 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## TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

# Canada Reduces Corporation Tax

## On Large Incomes

### 10 PER CENT CONCESSION FOR INDIVIDUALS

Ottawa, Apr. 21.

Mr Walter Harris, Canadian Finance Minister, in his Budget speech announced that corporation tax on large company incomes was to be reduced while incentive tax concessions for oil, gas and mining industries, now temporary, would be made permanent.

The reduction in corporation tax lowers tax on large company incomes to 45 per cent from 47 per cent, effective January 1, 1955; tax remains unchanged at 18 per cent on small company incomes (under 20,000 dollars).

#### Export Import Bank Deal

Washington, Apr. 21. The Export Import Bank announced today a credit totalling \$20,000,000 to the Istituto Mobiliare Italiano to finance the purchase of United States machinery, and equipment for metal working, chemical and other industrial firms. — United Press.

#### HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$241,265. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

#### SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

BANKS  
HSBC Bank 1545 40 1535  
East Asia 210  
INSURANCES  
Union 1020 1030 10 1025  
Lombard 50  
SHIPPING  
Waterboat 19 600 19.20  
DOCKS, ETC.  
K. Wharf 79  
Dock 2415  
Provident (Old) 12  
Wheelock 7.40 7.50  
LAND ETC.  
HK Hotel 17.10 17.30 1000 17.20  
HK Land 63 64  
Shai Land 1  
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X. Bus 2.05 2.10 2000 2.10  
UTILITIES  
Tram 20.20 20.30 1000 20.40  
Rafferty 102 105  
C. Light (O) 18  
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Electric 13.80 14 500 13.80  
Telephone 33.15 33.25 1500 33.15  
INDUSTRIALS  
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STORES, ETC.  
Dairy 20.10  
C. Crawford 23.30  
COTTONS  
Textiles 6  
MISCELLANEOUS  
Yangtze 6.15 6.30

#### Shipbuilding Competition Slackening

London, Apr. 21.

A Government spokesman said today the competition to British shipyards from both German and Japanese shipbuilders was now slackening.

The First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. J. P. L. Thomas, told the House of Commons that while German and Japanese yards had competed very successfully with British builders in the past two years, "competition, I am glad to say, is now slackening and things are even- ing out."

Mr Thomas spoke after a Labour Member asked if the Government were aware that Norwegian shipowners had placed 73 shipbuilding contracts in Norway, Sweden, France and West Germany between Oct. 12, 1954, and March 31, 1955 but none in Britain.

Mr Thomas said British shipyards now had about two years of work on the books and rejected the suggestion that the heavy orders on the Continent presented a threat to employment in the shipbuilding industry. In any event, he added, Norwegian owners had placed three orders in British yards in the past three weeks. — United Press.

#### Swedish Trade Delegation For China

Stockholm, Apr. 21.

A five-man Swedish trade delegation is due to leave shortly for Communist China, it was learned here today.

The delegation which represents different branches of Sweden's industry will study with the Chinese Communist authorities the possibilities of establishing trade exchanges between the two countries.

The delegation expects to spend a month in China. — France-Press.

#### London Wooltop Market

London, Apr. 21.

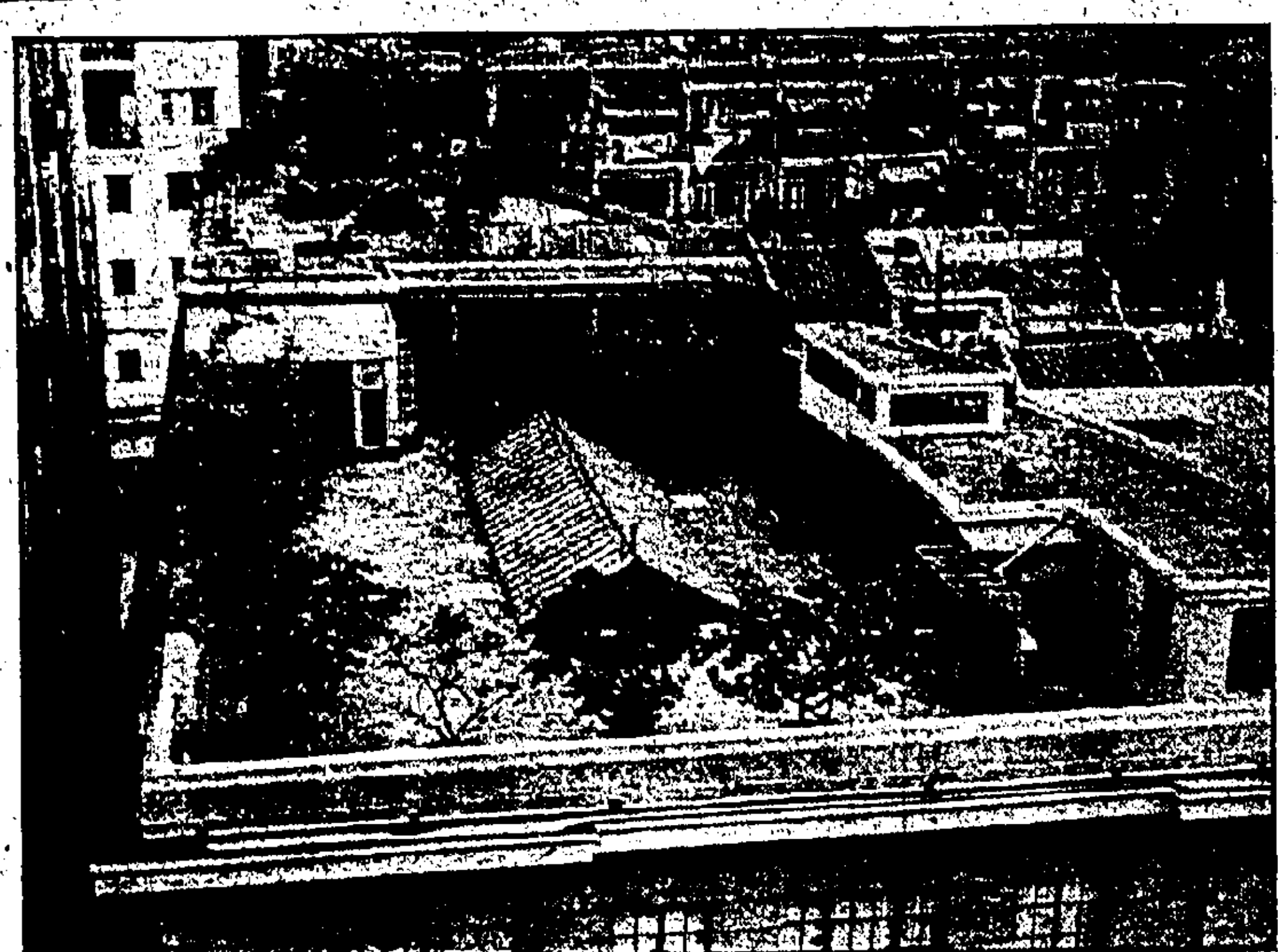
The wooltop market closed today steady. Turnover totalled 85 lots. Prices in pence per lb. were:

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## New Rabies Vaccine

A new form of vaccine for the inoculation of dogs against rabies has been introduced to Hongkong. This will permit some relaxation of existing medical procedure for people bitten by dogs.

Under new regulations made by the Governor-in-Council, which will come into effect on December 1 this year, every inoculated dog has to be tattooed in the inner surface of the ear with a mark or number referring to the date of inoculation.

An inoculated dog is at present identified by a metal badge on its collar but it is considered that a more certain means of identification should be introduced if medical procedure is to be relaxed.

The regulations, published in the Government Gazette today, state that the effective period of inoculation with the new vaccine is at least three years, as opposed to one year with the old vaccine.

## QUEEN SENDS MESSAGE

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convening of this assembly today and our most sincere good wishes for the prosperity and happiness of Singapore in the new era which is now opening.

It is with every confidence that I look to the Assembly and Council of Ministers to build up and maintain a tradition of mature deliberation and of sound and impartial administration. You will, I am sure, prove yourselves worthy of the high trust which has been reposed in you by the people of Singapore. Good luck to you all!—Ruler.

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## Private Memorandum Says: 'URBAN COUNCIL SHOULD BE ABOLISHED' Replacement By Municipal Bodies Urged

The Civic Association today released a memorandum by a "member of the public" suggesting that the Urban Council should be abolished and replaced by two Municipal Councils, one for Victoria and one for Kowloon.

In addition, the memorandum suggests there should be a New Territories District Council to deal with its own affairs.

In disclosing the contents of the memorandum, the Association's Executive Committee points out the proposals do not as such represent the official views of the Association. Although it is still under consideration by the Executive Committee, it appears to be of sufficient general interest and concern to warrant disclosure to the public at this stage, the Civic Association states.

"It is hoped members of the public will seek to express their views by writing either to the Civic Association or by utilizing the facilities of the correspondence columns of the press."

The memorandum says:

In his book on Hongkong, Harold Ingrams has this much to say about the Urban Council: "Hong Kong's Urban Council is a body which has been set up by the Government to deal with the problems of the city. It is a body which has been set up by the Government to deal with the problems of the city. It is a body which has been set up by the Government to deal with the problems of the city."

The memorandum continues: "The Urban Council is a body which has been set up by the Government to deal with the problems of the city. It is a body which has been set up by the Government to deal with the problems of the city. It is a body which has been set up by the Government to deal with the problems of the city."

**CERTAIN CHANGES**

Since Harold Ingrams wrote these several years ago, there have been certain changes toward expanding the scope of activities of the Urban Council, but there can be no denying the fact that the Council, without any revenue of its own, is still in effect a Government department.

In England, Urban Councils come midway between municipal boroughs and rural districts. More than half of the Urban Councils in England and Wales (there were 572 Urban Councils in England and Wales in 1947) each serve a population of 15,000. The Urban Council of Hongkong on the other hand, with only fifteen members, active in nearly 40 select committees, must serve a huge population of 2,000,000 persons.

Under an ordinance enacted in 1936, the previous Sanitary Board in Hongkong was converted into an Urban Council. This first Council had five official and eight unofficial members, of whom two were periodically elected on a franchise based on the jury lists, and six were nominated by the Governor. In 1953, nearly thirty years later, the number of official members was increased by just another two members (six appointed and four elected).

It is about time that the present Urban Council be abolished and replaced by two Municipal Councils, one for Victoria and one for Kowloon. In addition, there should be a New Territories District Council to deal with the affairs of the New Territories.

**21 MEMBERS**

The Victoria Municipal Council should consist of 21 members, of whom five should be ex-officio, seven should be nominated Unofficials and nine Elected Unofficials. The Kowloon Municipal Council should also be constituted on the same basis. The New Territories Council should consist of 11 members of whom six should be ex-officio and five nominated by the H.K. Government.

A rabian basket standing on the verandah of 88 Wing Lee Street, second floor, Central District, caught fire shortly before 11 a.m. today. The small blaze was put out before the Fire Brigade arrived.

## Burma's Rice Gift To Fire Victims

As a gesture of its sympathy for the thousands who have been rendered homeless in squatter fires in Hongkong, the Government of Burma has presented 100 tons of rice to the Colony.

At a short ceremony in the Social Welfare Office this morning, Mr. E. Keen, the Social Welfare Officer, received the documents for the rice shipment from Mr. C. P. Tan, the Honorary Consul for Burma. This shipment arrived in the Colony recently in the ss. "Hail."

In January this year Mr. Tan informed the Colonial Secretary the Burma Government had asked him to express its sympathetic concern over the disastrous fires which had rendered thousands of Hongkong people homeless.

The rice is Sughandi Small Mill Special—long grain white rice 35 per cent broken and milled from Emma type of paddy, 1955 new crop.

Arrangements are being made by the Social Welfare Office for its early distribution to the many fire victims.

## Charged With Murder After Village Fight

Fu Ah-tan, alias Yuen Fuk-uen, 28, coolie, gave evidence of unintentional stabbing when he was charged with murder at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Fu was accused of stabbing Chen Lung-shing with a knife at Fuk Wah Village, Shamshuipo, on January 7.

The case is being heard before Mr. Justice J. Wicks, Acting Puisne Judge, and a Jury of six men and one woman.

Mr. V. L. J. Dalton, instructed by Mr. J. R. Oliver of Messrs. Deacons, is defending Fu. The Prosecution is conducted by Mr. D. F. O. Mayne and Mr. W. S. Collier, Crown Counsel. Divisional Detective-Inspector J. Andrews is present for the Police.

Accused said that on January 7, he and deceased had an argument over \$7 at his home in Wing Hong Street.

## KICKED IN EYE

As a result of the argument he and deceased had, Fu was kicked in the eye by the deceased while he was still on the ground. Another man kicked him in the eye.

Accused's wife helped him to his feet and he thought of going home but he saw some men standing in the doorway of his house.

Accused picked up a knife from off the ground as he felt he might be assaulted again. He started to retreat towards Un Chau Street but he was stopped by his wife and another woman.

Both women tried to drag him back to the house but he said, "I don't want to be beaten up again."

He pushed the two women off and continued his retreat but was intercepted by Chen, who threw down his overcoat and said, "You will like to fight? One to one let's fight together."

**THREAT TO STAB**

As accused replied, "Don't come at me otherwise I will stab you," Chen grabbed his left shoulder with one hand and his right forearm, which was holding the knife, with his other hand.

The two men struggled and accused said that he still could not see clearly with his right eye. Suddenly Chen let go of accused's right forearm and as a result his arm came down in a stabbing motion.

Accused said that he did not see where the knife went but he became frightened when he saw blood on his clothes. He then fled.

Accused said that he had no intention of killing Chen as he had not known him before this incident. Next day he gave himself up to the Police.

Hearing is continuing.

## Fined \$100

For conveying petrol, a dangerous cargo, on board his craft without permission, Young Hoo, master of a motor trading junk, was fined \$100 by Mr. A. G. Parker at the Marine Court this morning.

## BAILEY APPEAL BEGINS

### Alleges Trial Judge Made Mistakes In Law

In his appeal against conviction on three charges of criminal libel before the Full Court this morning, Albert Francis Bailey, 34, merchant, filed 27 grounds alleging, among other things, that the Trial Judge had made mistakes in law and misdirected the Jury.

The Full Court comprises Mr. Justice T. J. Gould (acting Chief Justice) and Mr. Justice J. R. Gregg (Puisne Judge).

Bailey, who was released from custody on April 14 on bail of \$5,000, is prosecuting the appeal in person. He was unanimously found guilty by a Jury after a trial lasting six weeks and sentenced to nine months' hard labour on each of the libel counts by Mr. Justice J. Reynolds (then acting Puisne Judge) on January 27 at the Criminal Sessions. The terms were to run concurrently.

Appearing for the Crown, respondents are Mr. Arthur Hooton, Q.C., Solicitor-General, and Mr. D. N. E. Rea, Crown Counsel, with Det. Sub-Inspector R. A. Dudman, of the Commercial Crimes Branch, present for the Police.

Among the grounds of appeal were the following—That the Trial Judge made a mistake in law and against natural justice in holding that he had jurisdiction to hear a charge of criminal libel based upon an ex-officio information filed by a Colonial Attorney-General; that the Trial Judge made a further mistake in law and against natural justice in refusing an application of the Defence that the ex-officio information containing the charges of criminal libel be removed from the file in that it was a nullity.

On his point that the use of criminal information was wrongful, Bailey said that the libel was not by any stretch of the imagination, capable of bringing about a public riot or disturbance or of such a nature as to call for immediate suppression. He submitted that the information should be removed from the file, since action by indictment was sufficient and action had been taken against him at the Magistrate's before he was "handed up" on ex-officio information.

**'ABUSING POWERS'**

He pointed out that the charges against him at the Magistrate had been dismissed. There must be some pressing circumstance to entitle an applicant to take the extraordinary course of the Attorney-General taken, he declared, yet there was a public interest in the case. He agreed that though the Court had no jurisdiction to stop the Attorney-General from filing an information, he submitted that the Court nevertheless had inherent jurisdiction to hear any wrongful action. If the Attorney-General chose to file ex-officio information where a normal course of action was sufficient, he was abusing his powers and the Court should cause the information to be removed from the file, Bailey submitted. "It seems to me this is very close to oppression," he remarked.

This Court told Bailey they did not want to hear him on oppression.

Bailey disputed the Trial Judge's direction to the Jury that he (Bailey) had to prove the substance of each of the letters was true and submitted that there had been insufficient direction to the Jury in this regard. He said the Trial Judge had made no reference as to what it was not necessary to justify. He cited several authorities where support of some serious public could not be the subject of a criminal prosecution. The appeal is proceeding.

**MISDIRECTED JURY**

Other grounds included misdirection of the Jury in Bailey's plea of justification; an attack against his character by the Trial Judge whom Bailey alleged had called him "an egotistical and self-centred person"; the shutting out of evidence and that the case put forward by the Defence at the trial afforded no answer to the plaintiff's or prosecutors' case; that the verdict was against the weight of evidence; that the Trial Judge in his summing-up did not fairly put the case for the Defence to the Jury contrary to natural justice and in that the appellant is a layman and not represented by Counsel; that the Trial Judge refused to allow Bailey to correct other misdirections or misstatements of evidence in his summing-up; and that this was unfair and against natural justice. Bailey asked that the proceedings be set aside.

At Mr. Justice Gould's suggestion and there being no objection from Mr. Hooton, Bailey was allowed to place himself at Counsel's table to argue his appeal.

Mr. Justice Gould, addressing Bailey, said the Full Court did not propose to hear him on his first five grounds except on two points as the Court felt that the law was sufficiently clear. The two points which the Court would hear were (1) whether it was open to the Attorney-General to use ex-officio information for this particular misdirection and (2) whether the delay in filing after seven months was fatal to the information. The Court also indicated the other grounds on which they would hear the appeal.

Bailey said he had not all the authorities he wished at his disposal as he was unable to see

**Gave Birth In City Street**

Chan Lam, a woman in her middle twenties, gave birth to a baby girl in front of the show window of the Mow Kee Ladies Tailor Shop, in D'Aguiar Street at 1045 this morning.

The woman was walking along the street with her husband and seven-year-old son, when she suddenly felt pain. When she sat down on the pavement, a woman from a nearby shop covered her with sheets of paper.

Two dressers, acting as midwives, helped deliver the child behind the paper "screen". The new mother was then rushed to the Queen Mary Hospital. Both mother and child are reported to be doing well.